

SUBJECTS.

Improvement of the road from Elamballoor Kavoo near the Kundara Railway Station to the Kottarathu landing on the northern side of the Thevally road.

distance of 6 miles, for transacting their business. He requested that the road should be improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Devan Govindan (Member, Quilon taluk) said that the road referred to in his subject covered a distance of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles through the Perinad prowerthy, which ranked foremost in point of extent, population and revenue in the Quilon taluk. It was a crowded thoroughfare, being the only passage to Quilon, Kundara and the Kadavoor market. In the central part of this village road was the Anjupilamoodu fair. The produce of the place, copra and coir, and the necessary provisions for the people, could be taken only on their heads from place to place, as the road was not cartable. The Member therefore pressed that the conversion of this road into a cartable one was a necessity. He observed also that the P. W. D. did not actually spend the allotment of $7\frac{1}{2}$ Rs. per mile for the maintenance of this road and that, by the improvement of this road, there was every likelihood of the Kadavoor market becoming a large centre like Quilon.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the road from Neendakara to Karunagapalli and from Sasthancotta to Kallukadavoo.

Mr. Krishnan Madhavan (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) said that there was no public cartway of any kind in the taluk. The Main Central Road did not cross the taluk but touched only its southern and northern ends. At present the people had to go through a village road, full of breaches, muddy during the rainy season, and sandy in the hot season, from Neendakara to Karunagapalli, a distance of 9 miles. The Member pressed for gravelling this road. The improvement of the road from Sasthancotta to Kallukadavoo, a distance of 3 miles, was also urged. He said that that was the only means for traffic between the Sasthancotta market and Karunagapalli, but the present condition of this road was very bad and it was quite unfit for traffic. The full benefit of the Sasthancotta road could be derived only if this road was improved.

Dewan's reply.—The Government have sanctioned the construction of this road.

Improvement of the public way (Nadakavoo) from Krishnapuram to Neendakara.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) said that the Vadakkey *pakuthi* of the taluk was not deriving any benefit at the hands of the Government. The proposed road was indispensable to the inhabitants of the place. If this road was metalled and kept in good condition, the difficulties the people suffered from for want of means of communication, could be removed to a great extent. At present

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Improvement of two roads in Kayankulam.

Providing a ferry to cross over from Munambam to Maliankara, the construction of a road to the Sreenarayana Mangalam temple and the adjacent school, the improvement of the existing village road to the Kuttakali Church, the construction of bridges over the canals intersecting the road and the construction of a bund to ward off the influx of salt water into the river flowing through Thuruthipuram, Kottapuram etc

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the people who brought manure from Ambalapuzha had to take a circuitous way through Kayankulam to get to this place. The maintenance charge of Rs. 18 a mile allotted for this path was insufficient and might very well be stopped and used for its permanent improvement bit by bit.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kayankulam Trading Classes) proposed that the existing lane running eastward between the northern bazaar and the Kayankulam canal, and another lane from the first one, running southward and meeting the canal on the southern side of it, should be converted into cartable roads. This would greatly facilitate the commerce of the place and increase the material prosperity of the town. He also urged the necessity for repairing three bridges, *viz.*, the Southern bridge, the Fish-market bridge and the Theerthampitcha bridge, and for metalling the pathway from Neendakara to Thottappalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) said that the cultivation of 2,000 acres of paddy fields in the Puthenchira prowerthy of the Parur taluk had often proved a failure owing to the floods in the monsoon time and to the inrush of salt-water from the Munambam bar during the hot season.

He urged the necessity for constructing a bund at Panthiranpala, which would not only prevent the inrush of salt-water but would also induce the ryots to take up *pudural* lands for cultivation. The Member also urged the necessity for a ferry from Munambam to Maliankara, and from thence a road to go to the Muthukunnam temple and the school. The present village road used by the travelling public to go to the cutcherry, school and other places, was in a miserable condition, and it should be improved with necessary bridges over the Kuriapalli and other canals that intersected it.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaren (Member, Pathanapuram taluk) stated that the people had solely to depend upon rain for their agriculture, the old tanks being neglected and consequently encroached upon by the neighbouring land-owners, and the few streams that existed being far below the level of the fields. He pointed out that, for the last 8 years, the Chingom harvest was ruined for want of water and suggested that the irrigation tanks might be restored and kept in proper condition under the Shencotta Assistant Engineer. To make use of the water in the streams and rivers, the Member suggested